



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
D.C. FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001



ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"FIRE CHIEF"

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To All Commercial & Residential Property Owners/Tenants within the District of Columbia:

In an effort to continue with a service that is committed to the citizens of the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia Fire & EMS Department has joined forces with the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO). The ISO is a countrywide rating organization that rates communities with regards to fire risk.

Through this partnership, the DC Fire & EMS Department and the ISO will participate in a partnered evaluation to improve our City's rating and accurately record the latest information about properties within the District of Columbia. One of the most significant areas for this evaluation will be determining how much water would be needed to fight structure fires at commercial properties within the city.

Starting in 2008, ISO representatives will be visiting commercial locations in the city. They will be updating their existing information that includes construction features, square footage, occupancy type, and other related items. If your property has a fire sprinkler system, the ISO representative will need to review the fire sprinkler system components and maintenance records. Please have such records available (copy of last testing records).

Your cooperation with the ISO representative will greatly enhance the accuracy of the classification assigned to the District of Columbia and would be greatly appreciated. A more accurate classification allows all commercial property owners the ability to realize the benefits of an improved protection classification for the District of Columbia. There are many potential benefits to the ISO ratings including but not limited to; potential direct savings on insurance costs, economic stimulus, a "world class" public safety agency and a more safe and secure Washington D.C.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Affairs Office at 202-673-3331.

Sincerely,

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